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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and entry of the following amendments to the claims. This response is accompanied by a Notice of Appeal with Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the necessary fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7of this paper.